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## Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, November 2, 2001

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

1:00 p.m.

### \*\*\*REVISED AGENDA\*\*\*

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Board Minutes of June 7 and June 8, 2001
4. Report of the Executive Committee
  - A. Resolution to Honor Bill Culp for Meritorious Service to Winthrop University
  - B. Resolution to Honor Rodney Brown for Service to the Winthrop University Student Government Association and the Winthrop University Board of Trustees
  - C. Resolution to Approve Implementation of Futuresteps 2002
  - D. Resolution to Adopt Revisions to Strategic Directions
  - E. Resolution in Support of the Old Town Renaissance Master Plan
5. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee
  - A. Resolution to Offer Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
6. Report of the Finance Committee
  - A. Resolution to Approve the 2001-2002 Operating Budget
7. Report of the University Relations Committee
8. Report from the Representatives to the Board
  - A. Report from the Chair of the Faculty Conference
  - B. Report from the President of the Student Government Association
9. Report from the President
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Executive Session
13. Adjournment



## Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

November 2, 2001

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Members present: Skip Tuttle (Chair), E. Thomas Crowson, Larry Durham, Bob Gahagan, , Anne K. Hall, A. Watts Huckabee, Glenda Owens, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: Sanita Savage Frazier, Mary Jean Martin, David White.

Representatives present: Jim Johnston, Faculty Representative; Rodney Brown, Student Representative.

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Guests present: Students, faculty, staff, and media representatives.

The Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 2, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dunlap-Roddey Room of Johnson Hall on the campus of Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

### Call to Order

Skip Tuttle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### Approval of Board Minutes of June 7 and June 8, 2001

There were no revisions suggested so the Board unanimously approved the draft minutes as presented.

### Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman Tuttle reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Rock Hill during the afternoon of October 10, 2001. He stated that the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed several matters and took action to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of State Institution Bonds and a related Resolution to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from a Portion of the Proceeds of State Institution Bonds for Winthrop University. These actions allow the University to apply to the Budget and Control Board for the issuance of the remaining bonds for the completion of the renovation of the Sims Building. The Committee also brought several items to the Board for its consideration in the form of resolutions.

### *Resolution to Honor Bill Culp for Meritorious Service to Winthrop University*

Bob Thompson moved and Jane Shuler seconded the adoption of this Resolution and it was adopted unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Tuttle read the Resolution and made a presentation to Bill Culp, noting his personal appreciation for Mr. Culp as a mentor and a man who had given so much of his life to the University. Mr. Culp expressed his thanks to the University community. President DiGiorgio stated that Mr. Culp had truly earned the name of “Mr. Winthrop”.

### *Resolution to Honor Rodney Brown for Service to the Winthrop University Student Government Association and the Winthrop University Board of Trustees*

Jane Shuler moved and Bob Thompson seconded the adoption of this Resolution and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Tuttle read the Resolution and made a presentation to Rodney Brown, who expressed his thanks to the Board.

### *Resolution to Approve Implementation of Futuresteps 2002*

Chairman Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

### *Resolution to Adopt Revisions to Strategic Directions*

Chairman Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

### *Resolution in Support of the Old Town Renaissance Master Plan*

Chairman Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Tuttle noted that other highlights of the Committee’s meeting included a series of updates from the President on a number of items that would be covered during the course of the meeting.

## **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**

### *Resolution to Offer Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction*

Bob Thompson offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Bob Thompson reported that Vice President Wilson had reviewed the year’s twenty-nine academic Goals and Objectives as set out in the Vision of Distinction. He noted that accreditation issues played a major role in many of these items.

Bob Thompson reported that Dean Andrew Svedlow had conducted the committee on a tour of the College of Visual and Performing Arts that included a marvelous series of presentations by dancers and artists.

Bob Thompson reported that the committee had a good discussion on General Education and that the group working on these issues was seeking feedback and

moving toward a resolution. He noted that there would never be a “finished” product as General Education is by its nature a work in progress. He suggested placing General Education and larger issues of faculty compensation, teaching loads, training and professional development on the agenda for the Board’s Retreat in February.

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

Larry Durham and President DiGiorgio each provided background information on the history and status of the University’s budget given state rescissions announced earlier in the week.

#### *Resolution to Approve 2001-2002 Operating Budget*

Larry Durham offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Finance Committee. The Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Larry Durham reported that the Committee had received an update on renovations to the Sims Building and that the project is substantially complete. He also reported that Information Technology continues to update computer labs to ensure that there is no computer in a lab that is more than three years old. He also noted that the Coliseum has been connected to the campus fiber optic system through collaboration with the City of Rock Hill and that a number of internet kiosks have been set up on campus.

Larry Durham reported that billings and paychecks had been moved to a new automated system that will be more efficient and save costs. He also noted that the committee had reviewed the year’s Goals and Objectives for the division of Business and Finance.

### **Report of the University Relations Committee**

Bob Gahagan reported that the committee had reviewed the Goals and Objectives of the Athletic Department, and the divisions of Student Life and University Advancement.

Bob Gahagan also reported that the committee had received a report from Renee Agner on her development of the Achieving Community Tolerance (ACT) initiative, a disciplinary program conducted by student leaders for those students who violate university policy. He noted that of the twenty-one students who have gone through the program, none have been repeat offenders. He introduced Renee Agner and commended her for the work done through the ACT program.

Bob Gahagan reported that the committee had received an update on campus crime prevention and he noted that Winthrop University would host a campus safety conference for the southeast region of the country in February. He also reported that there were 945 entering freshmen this year compared to 907 the year before.

Bob Gahagan also reviewed the recent events leading to the dissolution of the Student Government Association (SGA). He noted that the SGA had prepared a significant revision to its constitution but that only 142 students had voted on an approval referendum and that only 4 candidates had expressed interest in the SGA’s 15 elected

positions. Rodney Brown noted that his concern was to assure that student representatives would continue carry out the responsibilities and duties of the SGA and that he was comfortable with the plan designed by Dr. Frank Ardaiole, Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Ardaiole reviewed the plan to assemble an ad hoc Council of Student Leaders comprised of individuals already in leadership positions of major student organizations. He noted that this group would meet regularly to address student concerns and ensure that the responsibilities of the SGA would be carried out. In response to questions from Board members, Dr. Ardaiole noted that this situation is in keeping with recent national trends. There was discussion on the possible need to revise the Board by-laws reflecting student representation to the Board and there was consensus that the new organization would need to be allowed time to find its footing before addressing the issue.

Bob Gahagan also reported that the Committee had been introduced to the new Head Volleyball Coach, Joel McCartney. Bob Gahagan noted that Birmingham Southern is joining the Big South Conference and that Gardner-Webb will be joining the Conference as a football member only. He reported that in the fall sports soccer was second in the Conference, volleyball was in third place, and that the cross-country team had won the Conference championship. He also noted that women's soccer was searching for its first head coach with competition scheduled to start in the fall of 2003.

Bob Gahagan reported that donations to the Annual Fund have continued to increase significantly despite the economic downturn but that the Capital Campaign has noticed a negative impact and it is probable that the Campaign will be extended.

### **Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference**

Faculty Conference Chair Jim Johnston reported that progress continues to be made on General Education and that it would be a featured topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Faculty Conference. He stated that he was pleased to hear Bob Thompson's suggestions for topics for the Retreat agenda, as many faculty members who oppose General Education do so out of concerns on staffing issues.

Jim Johnston reported that a review of the CISM program was upcoming and that the Faculty Concerns Committee had met recently with President DiGiorgio to discuss a range of issues including salaries, the Bookworm, parking and the condition of the Bancroft building. Dr. Johnston also noted that advising was almost complete and that the new Wingspan program for registration is working very well, especially as a faculty pilot program is unfolding. He reported that faculty would be able to submit grades and conduct degree audits electronically using this program. He also commented on the seminars and workshops for new faculty conducted by the Office for Effective Teaching and the constructive response by the faculty to the September 11 terrorist attacks. He noted that Sponsored Programs and Research is doing a very good job of promoting grant opportunities, that the most recent Admissions Open House had included strong faculty representation, and that he had recently attended a meeting of the Council of Faculty Chairs, a group of faculty representatives from across the state that planned to conduct lobbying efforts for higher education funding.

## **Report from the Student Government Association President**

Rodney Brown stated that it had been an honor to work with the Board and that the trustees upheld high levels of ethics and achievements. He wished Dr. Ardaiole well in working with the new group of student representatives.

## **Report from the President**

President DiGiorgio reported on the reaction of the campus community to the events of September 11 and the significant efforts by faculty members to address the issues arising from the situation through a series of fora. He reviewed the recent improvements to campus facilities and encouraged Board members to visit the Farm, the Sims building, and Water Street.

President DiGiorgio reported that about 47% of entering freshmen received either the LIFE or Palmetto scholarship and he noted that the lottery could also be a sea change in the financial aid picture. He also noted the temporary addition to the campus landscape of sculptures by art students.

President DiGiorgio also reported on the recent re-introduction of legislation in the U.S. Senate to earmark available funds for historic preservation to be used for facilities at historically women's state colleges. He noted that he was cautiously optimistic that the initiative would pass as there is support for it in several state's delegations.

## **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

## **New Business**

There was no New Business.

## **Executive Session**

Bob Gahagan moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel and contractual matters. Bob Thompson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board then convened in Executive Session. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

## **Adjournment**

Upon returning to public session, Watts Huckabee moved that the Board adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Larry Durham and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes submitted by Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.



Meeting of the Winthrop  
University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION TO HONOR BILL CULP FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Winthrop University with grateful appreciation, does hereby acknowledge, commend and honor the distinguished lifetime of service to the University by Bill Culp; and

WHEREAS, Bill Culp's leadership and foresight have, in countless ways, led to lasting achievements in facilities planning and management; and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly to improve the campus and the University community in ways that will pay dividends for generations of Winthrop students, faculty, staff and visitors;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University does hereby gratefully acknowledge the tireless dedication and vigorous commitment to excellence that Bill Culp has demonstrated on behalf of Winthrop University;

AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wednesday, November 7th, 2001 is hereby declared to be "Bill Culp Day" at Winthrop University in honor of his achievements and his devotion to the University.

November 2, 2001



RESOLUTION TO HONOR RODNEY BROWN FOR SERVICE TO  
THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT AS-  
SOCIATION AND THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Rodney Brown, by virtue of his position as President of the Student Government Association, has served as the student representative to the Winthrop University Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, Rodney Brown has employed his concern for people, his community spirit, and his experience as a student leader to ensure that Winthrop University continues its tradition of outstanding service to students,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University recognizes Rodney Brown for his commitment to, support of, and leadership in student endeavors at Winthrop University.

November 2, 2001

## RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF FUTURESTEPS 2002

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University continues to actively support the goal of attracting and retaining a national caliber faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University continues to recognize an ongoing need to make substantial and systematic investment in professional development, and substantial and systematic investment in salary improvement; and

WHEREAS, the President of Winthrop University has proposed a framework for addressing these issues in a program entitled Futuresteps 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports the proposed framework for Futuresteps 2002 and supports in principle the President's proposal of expanding the overall Futuresteps initiative from four years to five years in total,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees endorses and supports the implementation of Futuresteps 2002 as a significant element of the Board's ongoing commitment to institutional progress and development; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees directs and authorizes the administration of Winthrop University to make salary adjustments for Fiscal Year 2002 in conjunction with the implementation of Futuresteps 2002 consistent with the recommendations of the President.

November 2, 2001

# RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED WINTHROP UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

WHEREAS, Winthrop has consistently followed a planning process in the *Vision of Distinction* that sets forth its long-term goals, consistent with the values of the University, to direct the allocation of resources into annual initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted the Strategic Plan in April, 1999 which set forth the University's enduring Strategic Values, three-to-five-year Strategic Directions, and annual Strategic Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to revisit and review such a document to ensure that it is remains accurate and that it properly reflects the progress made to date on its pronounced goals; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officers of the University have reviewed the Strategic Directions in order to update it and ensure that it continues to represent an accurate and carefully articulated plan of action to maintain and enhance the program array, faculty and staff development, and technological infrastructure that will best serve Winthrop's needs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officers of the University have recommended revisions to the Strategic Directions consistent with this review process; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees have reviewed the proposed changes and find them to be both appropriate and consistent with the goals and values defined in the original Strategic Plan adopted in April, 1999,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee recommends to the full Board of Trustees that the revisions to the Winthrop University Strategic Directions be adopted as part of the formal planning document for the University.

November 2, 2001

## RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES OF THE OLD TOWN RENAISSANCE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, Winthrop University is committed to building a stronger, healthier community; and

WHEREAS, The Old Town area of Rock Hill suffers from declining population, low household incomes, and vacant and deteriorated buildings; and

WHEREAS, Old Town is of county-wide significance as the center of population, the largest employment and business center, the home of Winthrop University, local government, schools and other important civic and business facilities;

WHEREAS, Winthrop University acting by itself has limited ability to influence the overall health of Old Town; and

WHEREAS, Through collaboration Winthrop University can use its resources most effectively in achieving its own mission, and in support of Old Town; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University, Rock Hill School District Three, City of Rock Hill, York County, Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation, York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and York Technical College have co-sponsored the creation of the Old Town Renaissance Master Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, Winthrop University does hereby endorse the goals and strategies of the Old Town Renaissance Master Plan and does pledge its continued collaboration and support for this important community initiative.

November 2, 2001

## RESOLUTION TO ADD MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated and growing need to assist licensed teachers in the quest for certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated and growing need to provide a graduate program option for early childhood teachers and to continue to provide a graduate program designed to enrich the content and pedagogical knowledge of licensed teachers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program is structured to meet national standards of accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program combines two existing graduate degree programs into one, thus enabling the College of Education to manage its resources more effectively and provide appropriate courses in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, no new additional resources will be required for this program,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

November 2, 2001

## RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR YEAR 2001-2002

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher education are empowered to approve annual operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at Winthrop University have examined the proposed revenues and expenditures for the year; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee recognize their fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's budget strikes a balance between actual revenues and commitments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the operating budget proposed by the Finance Committee be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

November 2, 2001